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HIS EXCELLENCY SIR EDWARD GENT,

K.C.M.G., D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C.,

GOVERNOR OF THE MALAYAN UNION.

I am very glad that the *Malayan Agricultural Journal*, which was widely read and appreciated before the War, is resuming publication after five years of silence and I hope that all its old readers will start taking it regularly again and that it will find a large number of new ones.

Agriculture is one of the most important and worthwhile pursuits to which man can devote himself. For some it is a refreshing and absorbing interest outside their main business occupation, but for most it is the chief or only means of livelihood. It is also a science in which as in other sciences, new discoveries are continually being made and useful information derived from them. The modern agriculturist must be up-to-date, and must know what aid science can give him, and he must profit by the researches of others. He must also for his own part seek the active assistance of scientists in the practical problems of his own experience.

A regular publication such as this affords the means by which this can be done, and the need for it has never been greater. I wish it every success.

E. E. Gent.

GOVERNOR,
MALAYAN UNION.

FOREWORD

It is with very great pleasure that the Department of Agriculture is able to announce the re-appearance of the *Malayan Agricultural Journal* after a break of some five years. It can be regarded, I feel, as another step forward in the general re-establishment of the pre-war activities of the Department and further proof of the general upward trend of events, both agriculturally and otherwise, in Malaya.

Since the re-occupation, the Department's policy has been concerned chiefly with food production and general rehabilitation and whilst gradually getting into stride again, there is much to be done. Long range plans have been submitted and are now under consideration by Government concerning:

(a) the establishment of a Central Government Fruit Experiment Station;
(b) the rehabilitation of rubber small-holdings with high-yielding clonal material;
(c) canning and food preservation;
(d) the expansion of the School of Agriculture, Malaya, at Serdang; and
(e) the livestock industry.

The advisory services provided by the Department of Agriculture both economically and technically are required more than ever at the present time. It is hoped, therefore, that the Journal will prove an additional medium in keeping the agricultural community and the public who are interested in the agricultural welfare and development of Malaya in close touch with the activities of the Department.

F. Bames

Director of Agriculture,
Malaya.

KUALA LUMPUR,
6th January, 1947.